San Francisco Design Week first Annual Awards debut

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San Francisco Design Week (SFDW), the premier gathering of the world's most active design community, debuted the first annual San Francisco Design Week Awards, announcing the winners this evening. This year's theme, "Where Innovation Meets Social Responsibility" was met by award winners from leading design firms, in-house teams, and creative individuals, who were honored today at an awards ceremony at the SFDW Opening Night Reception at Pier 27, San Francisco.

SFDW Design Awards is an international design competition seeking to encourage thought leadership by supporting designers whose works can contribute towards a positive future for society. The Design Awards celebrate and recognize exemplary work in all fields of design, including architecture, interior design, industrial design, communication design, and user experience design. Eighteen winning projects were selected by a jury

comprised of distinguished professionals, who reviewed submissions from an exceptionally competitive pool of applicants from all over the world, including Italy, China, USA, United Emirates and Japan.

This new community clubhouse for the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Helena and Calistoga (BGC), a national non-profit youth organization, is designed to reflect and serve its rural Napa County location, where many families work long hours in the region's wine industry. The design intention was to create a safe place for kids to study and socialize, and a positive center of activity in the community. The Calistoga Clubhouse embodies inclusiveness, social responsibility, ease of use, visual appeal and feasibility and will continue to be a community asset for decades.

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The Quintessa Pavilions, the newest addition to Quintessa Estate, a winery and residence located in Napa Valley, represent architecture that is true to its place and time. At once one with and respectful of the environment, the Pavilions are integrated into the landscape in a way that makes them appear timeless. Given the winery founder's desire for architecture that would harmonize with its surroundings, the approach to the project was one of minimal intervention to ensure the preservation of the existing mature oak trees and vineyards.

"We are extremely excited to launch the first SFDW Design Awards this year," says SFDW Director Dawn Zidonis. "The quality of the many entries we received, was exceptional in terms of how they exceeded our expectations of our theme, 'Innovation Meets Social Responsibility'. Congratulations to this year's outstanding and diverse winners."

Each winning project displayed the following characteristics:

Impact—Design that represents a substantial shift in the way a particular process is created, executed, perceived, or experienced.
Singularity—Products and ideas that go above and beyond contemporaneous work being done within distinct fields of design.
Inclusiveness—Work that empowers those previously underrepresented in the design community and emboldens social mobility at all levels.
Social Responsibility—Design that offers solutions for people with needlessly insurmountable barriers to entry in all walks of life.
Ease of Use—Design that can be easily understood and applied by the end user.
Visual Appeal—projects, ideas, and processes that not only solve problems, but do so with aesthetics that accentuate and elevate the experience from start to finish.
Feasibility—Design that can be sensibly funded, implemented and embraced.

The SFDW Design Awards esteemed jury comprised:

JD Beltran, designer, artist, filmmaker, writer, educator and public art administrator

Diane Dorrans Saeks, influencer, author, editor and teacher

Rob Duncan, partner, Mucho

Trevor Hubbard, founder, Butchershop

Barry Katz, CCA, IDEO Fellow, Stanford University,

Dominique Price, director at M Moser Associates

August de los Reyes, VP of Product Design, Pinterest

The winners' entries are featured permanently at SFDW online.

See original article for all 18 winning projects.
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